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REMARKS

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1. On 26 October 1953, as well as between 8 p.m. and midnight on 27 and 28 October, reports of artillery pieces were heard from the Jueterbog troop training grounds. Between 8:30 p.m. on 29 October and 2 a.m. on 30 October, reports of rocket launchers and heavy artillery pieces were heard from the training area. 1

2. On 27 October, 2 trains occupied by troops were seen at the Jueterbog railroad station, with the engines headed toward Altes Lager or Halle. Source determined that trained personnel from the hospital was assembled in Altes Lager. On 28 October, another shipment of trained personnel was observed at the Jueterbog railroad station. 2

3. On 29 October, the Fuchsberg Kaserne was fully lighted after night fall. On 30 October, 8 to 10 T-34 tanks were seen behind the hospital, proceeding toward the woods. On 31 October, 25 troops carrying entrenching tools and 5 barbed wire reels left the installation toward the slaughter house. 25X1C

4. On 7 November, the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik, Luckenwalde, was occupied by about 300 to 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 60 troops engaged in fatigue duties in the barracks area. 25X1C

5. On 7 November, Stalag I was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. On 2 November, an undetermined number of troops cleaned 3 rocket launchers and, on 2 and 4 November, about 120 troops drilled in the barracks area. On 30 October, 3 trucks, each occupied by about 40 troops with baggage, left the quartering area for the Forst Zinna railroad station. 25X1C

6. On 7 November, Stalag II was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. On 30 October, 2 trucks, each occupied by about 40 troops with baggage, left the installation for the Forst Zinna railroad station. Truck [] was identified. At about 11:30 a.m. on 2 November, 3 new radio trucks [] were seen entering the camp. 25X1C

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area. About 150 troops drilled with carbines and gasmasks in the barracks area.

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7. On 31 October, the Forst Zinna training area was partially restricted. Between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., an undetermined number of troops practiced firing with 2 x 45-mm AT guns and 3 x 57-mm AT guns from the Adolf Hitler Camp. Between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., about 40 soldiers practiced firing with 3 x 37-mm AA guns from Camp Forst Zinna west of the engine house.

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8. On 7 November, the Adolf Hitler Camp was occupied as previously by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. Three large tents occupied by troops were in the northwest portion of the camp since 1 November. On 31 October, 3 buses occupied by troops entered the camp from the direction of Stalag I and II and, at about 9 p.m. returned in the same direction. Source expressed the belief that the troops had been trucked there for a motion picture performance. On 3 November, 3 armored personnel carriers entered the camp from the direction of Jueterbog and, at about 9 a.m., about 150 troops armed with carbines and 4 light machine guns left the camp for the firing range in Jagen (forest section) No 16.

9. On 11 November, Stalag I was occupied below capacity. Only 9 buildings were lighted after nightfall. Between 30 October and 11 November, 50 troops were seen engaged in physical training and 80 troops received theoretical instruction. Marksmanship training with carbines in the gravel pit involved about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets on 31 October, about 8 troops on 4 November, and about 80 troops on 11 November.

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10. On 11 November, Stalag II was occupied. On 30 October and 5 November, about 30 troops practiced throwing of hand grenades and, on 2 November, about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation for marksmanship with carbines in the wooded area located to the south.

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11. On 5 and 9 November, marksmanship with 2 x 132-mm rocket launchers was held south of Stalag II.

12. On 11 November, the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik was occupied. No training other than firing with carbines, on 6 November, was observed in the barracks area. On 5 November, about 250 troops left the quartering area toward the wooded area. Between 30 October and 11 November, a local resident stated that the cooperative shop was to be restored in the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik and the Soviet Army had agreed on vacating the installation by 1 January 1954.

1. Comment. According to another source, it is possible that units of the 34th Arty Div (US) engaged in firing practices at Jueterbog as late as 29 October.

2. Comment. The Altes Lager is known as personnel assembly point of the Third Gds Mecz Army.

3. Comment. The 107th Mtrcl Bn (US) and the 148th Engr Bn (US) of the 14th Gds Mecz Div are carried in the Fuchsberg Kaserne.

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4. [] Comment. [] a training unit of the Third Gds Mecz Army is stationed in the Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik as previously.

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5. [] Comment. The information fails to indicate any change in the occupation of Stalag I and II with the 91st Gds RL Regt and a repair shop for signal equipment.

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6. [] Comment. The Hq Third Gds Mecz Army is confirmed in the Adolf Hitler Camp [] until November 1953.

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